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FOR GOVERNOR.
LOT M. MORRILL

The Celebration of the Fourth.

The 81st anniversary of American Independence was celebrated in our city by an extensive festival of the Firemen and Military projected and carried out by Eagle Company No. 3. The main features were a grand Procession, a Collocation at Norumbega Hall, and a Tea of Bagnos from abroad for a splendid prize trumpet, provided by Eagle Company for the competition of their guests, and coming \$100. This was the first celebration of the day in Bangor for a number of years, and considering the very limited time during which the arrangements were made, it was very creditable to the projectors. It was one of the most interesting celebrations we have ever witnessed, and we think was far more successful in attracting people from abroad, than was generally anticipated. The town was in fact thronged with a larger concourse than has been seen here for many years. We estimate the numbers who witnessed the contest for the silver trumpet at the station grounds of the P & K R R, from 12,000 to 16,000—a large proportion of whom were strangers.

The early day opened cloudy with a slight sprinkling of rain—but the sun at his rising dispelled the vapors and the day was through out the brightest and most beautiful of the season—the July day, now for the first time felt, being tempered by a grateful breeze. The usual noisy demonstrations were made upon the advent of the new Independent Day—all through there was a merciful relaxation in the bell ringing as compared with former years. The numerous vessels in port were dressed up with their entire crew of flags, signals and streamers, and presented a very beautiful appearance as they sailed about the harbor and in the streets. The noble ship Premier of this city was thus decorated from deck to topmast. The British bark, Wings of the North, was also dressed out very handsomely with flags and signals of her own nation, which was all she could properly do to show honor to the day. We believe she had up no flags of any other nation as was supposed by some.

All the roads leading to the city were early thronged with in coming people, and by 9 o'clock all our principal streets were unobscured city full. At 9:30 a special train of 10 Pullman cars from Waterville bringing on the passengers the Waterville Fire Company No. 3 with their fine brass band and a Victor No. 1 of Kendall's Mills with a large and excellent drum and bugle band.

About 10 o'clock a special train from Oldtown brought a large crowd of people and a Dringo Fire Company of Oldtown and an Excelsior Company of Upper Stillwater—both having handsome uniforms.

We may say here that notwithstanding the great crowd of people in the city and the fact that the day was a day of doing among the crowd outside of the celebration, and considerable dryness, the arrangements of our people were so efficient that no serious trouble occurred during the day. A few ordinary frolics occurred, but the most extensive of which was a shindy in honor of the day among half a dozen firemen on Kenduskeag Bridge as early as 6 o'clock in the morning. One or two were roughly handled, and the balance locked up for the remainder of the day, for their misbehavior.

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Then came the firemen—led off by the Hook & Ladder Company of 30 members, handsomely uniformed in blue shirts, black pants, white belts and gaiters, and under command of S. F. Thompson as Foreman.

They were followed by Eagle Co. No. 3, of Bangor, the projectors of the celebration—numbering forty men, under the command of Foreman Thomas H. Hersey. The new uniform of the company made a handsome appearance—consisting of navy blue jackets with red borders and collars, dark blue caps, with gold cord, (and gold bands for officers), dark dark pants with gold cord, patent leather belts with broad white borders. The engine of this company was handsomely trimmed with flowers, and bore the prize trumpet to be presented by the company.

Following the "Eagle," appropriately came the "Banner," which we have heretofore called a fine company of juvenile firemen, having as their prize a fine miniature Button hat presented to the son of Jeremiah Penno. The Banner numbered 40 men—under command of Master N. M. Jewett, and were the observed of all. Their little engine was tastefully decorated with evergreens and flowers. The members were dressed in a showy and handsome uniform of red shirts with blue borders, and gaiters with red borders—white pants, and patent leather boots. They carried a hand some banner, painted it as used by Master Wil liam Hall, and of only fifteen years.

The companies from abroad came next. Dringo No. 1, of Oldtown, Messrs Woolman Foreman, with about 50 stout young men, led the way. Then came Excelsior No. 2 of Upper Still water, W. D. Chase, Foreman, also of about 50 members, and a very able company. A Victor No. 1 of Kendall's Mills, James J. Moore, Foreman, numbered about 70 noble looking men—very stout and stalwart, and the admiration of the crowd.

These three companies all had handsome uniforms—the last being the handsomest and largest cylindered.

The procession closed with the Waterville Co. No. 3 of Waterville, Joseph H. Drummond, Foreman, numbering about 70 able men, and presenting a very handsome appearance.

Thus we had two Penobscot and two Hersey companies as contestants for the prize, of which contest the result is given below. The music for the occasion was very excellent. With the hersey companies came one a Cornet Band of Auburn and later—its leader being Mr. David H. Small. The Oldtown Company were accompanied by a juvenile band which played very creditably. And the Waterville band which played with unusual excellence.

The procession was about two hours in moving over its extended route—arriving at Norumbega Hall between one and two o'clock.

THE COLLOCATION AND THE FESTIVAL.

The floor of Norumbega Hall was filled with tables, six in number, upon which was spread a most beautiful collection of various kinds of meats, as bread and fruit, provided by Eagle Company No. 3 for their guests. The viands were purchased by the company and prepared under its own direction, and the entertainment was such an one as to do great credit to the hospitality of the company, and to the skill of its purveyors and stewards.

About 800 and 900 persons were down to the tables at 2 o'clock, and sat down to a most delicious repast. The arrangements of our people were so efficient that no serious trouble occurred during the day. A few ordinary frolics occurred, but the most extensive of which was a shindy in honor of the day among half a dozen firemen on Kenduskeag Bridge as early as 6 o'clock in the morning. One or two were roughly handled, and the balance locked up for the remainder of the day, for their misbehavior.

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to hear, but which our modesty as a Bangor man forbids us to print.

8. "The Eagle"—an honor to the Fire Department, whose enterprise inaugurates this day's celebration. May they feather their nests with its laurels.

In response to this the President called on Mr. Thomas H. Hersey for a speech. Mr. Hersey affirmed that he was not given much that way, but proceeded to make of his modest apology for a speech, a very handsome and appropriate reply at once to the Toast and to the generous remarks of Capt. Drummond.

9. "The Press"—The great ventilator of intelligence, and palladium of popular liberty. Was received with one unanimous cheer.—J. S. Hayward responded briefly but happily—remarking very justly in the course of his speech, that a press could better afford to put up with one cheer which had been so humbly given it, than any other department represented here—for the press could do its own pulling. Mr. S. then remarked briefly upon the power, the usefulness and the necessity of the press.

10. "Waterville and her Firemen"—her Col lege sometimes turns out victorious students, but her citizens turn out capital and well disciplined firemen.

11. "Kendall's Mills Firemen"—A stalwart corps—a few hours will prove whether they are any exception to the maxim "the victors hold the spoils."

12. "Oldtown"—She turns out good lumber and excellent men—the ready a double delegation—straw grained, well besouped, and warranted not to shrink from duty.

13. "The Excelsior"—A gallant corps—should they ever have an enemy to contend with they will give it a battle.

14. "Bangor Light Infantry"—An honor to our State Volunteers, strong, and a brilliant array of any day.

15. "Our Adopted Citizens"—Since none are to be considered descendants of the aborigines, the difference in time in coming over should make no distinction in American citizenship and citizenship.

16. "The Penobscot"—The young "sons of old" duty. To the grace of youth they unite the discipline of maturity.

17. "The Trueman"—In their regular rotation, they carry everything behind them, mounted, they carry all before them.

18. "The Lancers"—not now, what terrible blows they will become when their (cavalry and talons are grown).

19. "The Lancers"—glorious companions in arms. They will free themselves from the tyrannies of fashion, they will rank with the mothers and daughters of the revolution.

This toast was responded to universally, every man and boy felt himself called upon. They all spoke out at once—not with tongues alone, but literally in arms—with hands and arms, and feet and arms, and snouts and stamps.

When order was restored, Mr. President, in honor of a festival so pleasantly carried out, without the presence of ardent spirits, proposed as a voluntary toast.

"Temperance and Cold Water." They very far from "throwing cold water" upon the scene, for it only added to the good spirit with which the company now adjourned to witness and take part in the trial of the Fire Engines.

THE TRIAL OF THE FIRE ENGINES.

The festival at Norumbega Hall at half past three, and the trial of engines for the prize trumpet then took place at the station grounds of the P & K R R, in presence of many thousands of spectators—and occupied from four till six o'clock.

The committee to award the prize was composed of Messrs. Charles Hayward, Albert Dole, Jacob A. Smith, G. F. Silgert and Charles H. Hale. The engines were allowed one hour and a half to prepare, and the limits of the various plays having been stated, the distances were accurately measured by Engineer L. M. Eaton, and declared by the committee to be as follows—the order of playing having been ascertained by lot.

BANGOR, July 4, 1857.

To Thomas Hersey and others, Committee of Arrangements.

Your committee appointed to act as judges to award the prize of a Silver Trumpet, to the company who should make the best play, according to your advertised card, gave the order of playing to the several companies by lot following order.

1st, Dringo No. 1, Oldtown.

2d, Excelsior No. 2, Upper Stillwater.

3d, Victor No. 1, Kendall's Mills.

4th, Waterville No. 3, Waterville.

Each company played through 200 feet of hose horizontally.

The first played 107 7 10ths feet.

"Second" 107 4 10ths feet.

"Third" 107 6 10ths feet.

"Fourth" 101 6 10ths feet.

Your committee unanimously awarded the prize to the first play—Dringo No. 1, Oldtown.

It would have been much more satisfactory to your committee if arrangements had been made to have kept back the crowd, which the ground so heavily at the last play that it might have made a difference of a few feet only in that play, but it would not, in our opinion, have changed the result.

CHARLES HAYWARD, ALBERT DOLE, JACOB A. SMITH, G. F. SILGERT, CHARLES H. HALE.

And the prize trumpet was accordingly awarded to Dringo Company No. 1, of Oldtown, and presented with a handsome speech by Mr. Hersey of the Eagle. Foreman Wood man responded in behalf of his company in a neat and appropriate manner.

It will be observed that the playing was apparently light by all the engines, but the circumstances were not favorable to the best play of any one of them. The tide was low, and the water had to be drafted eighteen or twenty feet perpendicularly—and a strong wind broke up the streams badly during the playing. Then again it was almost impossible to have a fair trial in the midst of so great a crowd, constantly pressing upon the line of play. It is now to be regretted that the simple speech was not stated off, and surrounded

with chains or ropes, and guarded by the military—but we presume no serious difficulty was apprehended in keeping off the jam by means of the strong patrol of mounted truckmen, who did their best, but were not numerous enough for that crowd.

The "Waterville" and "Victor" played through inch nozzles, and the Dringo and Excelsior through eight eighths.

This contest closed the regular celebration, and at 7 o'clock our visitors from the Kennebec, with the full train in which they came, departed for their homes—pleased, we hope, with their day's excursion and entertainment.

At sunset the bells were again rung in honor of the day.

The river companies remained in the city until after 10 o'clock, when they left by a special train for their homes. They were handsomely entertained by the Eagles with a supper at Norumbega at 8 o'clock—and it was regretted that the earlier departure of the train for Waterville prevented our Kennebec friends from taking of this entertainment.

During the evening there were various impromptu exhibitions of fireworks in different parts of the city, which were watched with much pleasure by our people, but there were none of a very extensive character. The moonlight which was soft and beautiful, glorified somewhat with the brilliancy of the pyrotechnics.

And with a night reasonably quiet—except from the alarms of the victims of bad liquor—closed a very pleasant Fourth of July, celebrated in a very pleasant manner.

We think the result was satisfactory to those who contributed to the expenses, and that it will lead to another celebration next year.

It should be remarked that the entertainments of the day were all made up without intoxicating liquors of any kind. Excellent lemonade was provided without stint, and apparently satisfied all who were present. For a celebration of this kind we have never known less drinking among those engaged in it.

PENOBSCOT.—The Philadelphia Morning Times, of the 21st inst., presents a cheering prospect in regard to the approaching State election. The election of Judge Wilcox would secure the State government for three years on the Republican side. This would necessarily have an important, and probably a controlling influence upon the electoral vote of Pennsylvania in 1860. The twenty seven electoral votes of that State are needed, and may prove indispensable in placing the general government in the hands of the Republicans. We rejoice to learn that great progress is making in the right direction in the Key State. The "Straight American" vote, which defeated the Fremont electors last November, will, we are informed, be cast to a large extent for Judge Wilcox. The "rank and file" are honest, but were misled and duped by the representations of the Philadelphia Daily News, and a few kindred papers. This will not be likely to occur again. The fact that the State Convention to nominate a ticket in opposition to Judge Wilcox, succeeded in getting a representation from nine Counties only, out of sixty six, is significant and hopeful.—True Elder.

THE GREAT STEAMBOAT CATASTROPHE.—The Montreal Advertiser, in giving the particulars of the disaster by the burning of the Montreal, says that the most wonderful disregard of human life was manifested by the officers of the boat. It appears that—

Fire broke out in the Montreal at city after leaving Quebec, in the neighborhood of our last news, it was got under, and again broke out, the vessel keeping on her way with her freight of passengers. She was then on fire, and the passengers were told to get out, and the captain declared that no more could be done. By this time the fire had run from stern to stern, and in a few minutes a smoke and flames broke out from end to end. Then came an awful scene of horror and confusion.

Up to Thursday night, 222 bodies had been recovered, and it was supposed that there were at least 50 bodies still unrecovered. The Corporation's inquest was still in session at Quebec.

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